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TO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NEW SURPLUS FIRE TRUCK

REF: REYKJAVIK 140 AND 326

1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE THUS FAR TO LOCATE ANY NEW SURPLUS FIRE TRUCKS. HOWEVER, USAF (AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND) HAS INFORMED US THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A O-11 MODEL FIRE TRUCK CAN BE OFFERED TO REYKJAVIK AIRPORT AS SURPLUS TO USAF REQUIREMENTS. THESE VEHICLES WERE MANUFACTURED IN THE 1952-54 PERIOD AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: 4228 LITERS WATER CAPACITY; 423 LITERS FOAM CAPACITY; CAB SIZE 2-4 MAN; MANUAL REMOTE CONTROLLED AND HYDRAULICALLY ASSISTED TURRET WHICH CAN BE OPERATED FROM WITHIN CAB; ONE MAN COULD OPERATE IF NECESSARY; DESIGNED TO SATISFY THE SPEED REQUIREMENT OF 50 MPH IN 50-60 SECONDS; DESIGNED FOR MANEUVERING ON ROUGH GROUND; GASOLINE ENGINE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND O-11 TRUCK COULD BE PROVIDED TO GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND AT A NOMINAL COST, DEPENDENT UPON VEHICLE CONDITION, AND ON WHERE/IS-AS/IS BASIS. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THIS COST WOULD EXCEED \$4,000 TO \$5,000. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SUPPORT OF THIS TRUCK CANNOT BE PROVIDED AS NEW PARTS ARE NO LONGER BEING MANUFACTURED. PLEASE INDICATE IF DIRECTOR REYKJAVIK AIRPORT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING

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